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| For:          | ELECTROSPRAYING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COATING PARTICLES |   |                 |         |

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION  
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Dear Sir:

The present application is a divisional application of Serial No.10/162,031, Confirmation No.2054, filed on June 3, 2002, entitled ELECTROSPRAYING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COATING PARTICLES, which is a continuation application of 09/577,747 filed on 05/23/2000, issued as U.S. PATENT 6,399,362, which is a divisional application of 09/092,794 filed on 06/05/98, issued as U.S. PATENT 6,093,557, which claims benefit of 60/049,444 filed on 06/12/1997.

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on the page entitled "Amendments to the Specification."

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."